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Restoration of Jagannath Temple
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to a crack being detected in the 12th Century Shri Jagannath Shrine at Puri, Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sent any expert team Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to examine and repair/restoration of the temple;

(d) whether the ASI has submitted its report to the Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to maintain its legacy for future generations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. During the recent de-plastering work at the interior of Jagmohana of Shri Jagannath Temple, Puri, some cracks have been noticed in the stone beams.

(c) to (f) Experts from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), IIT Madras and Core Technical Committee for the Temple have visited the temple & submitted the reports. The suggestions have been examined and essential conservation work at the temple is attended regularly to maintain its legacy for future generations.